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In re Application of: : **DECISION ON PETITION**
Milan Cerovic : **TO MAKE SPECIAL**
Serial No. 10/780,914 : **(COUNTER TERRORISM)**
Filed: February 17, 2004 :
For: **WEAPON FOR LETHAL AND NON-LETHAL USES**

This is a decision on the petition filed January 4, 2005 under 37 CFR 1.102 (d) to make the above-identified application special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in MPEP 708.02, Section XI: Inventions for Countering Terrorism.

The requirements for granting special status under this section are: (A) a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i); and (B) a statement explaining how the invention contributes to countering terrorism.

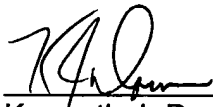
The petition states that the invention will contribute to countering terrorism by providing a weapon system that when utilized against a terrorist would render the terrorist immobilized for a given amount of time. This statement is a general conclusion and does not satisfy the requirement of explaining specifically how the invention contributes to countering terrorism. Also, the invention is not fully described. A general description of how it works (through electrical signals) is all that is provided.

Furthermore, petitioner's invention, based on the disclosure, deals more with civil law enforcement and military crowd control rather than counter terrorism. In fact, no mention of counter terrorism is set forth in applicant's disclosure. MPEP 708.02 XI lists examples of types of inventions that would qualify as countering terrorism. While a grantable petition is not limited to these examples, these examples all clearly act to directly and primarily counter terrorism. Thus, the tie to countering terrorism as argued by the applicant is not seen as being sufficient to accord special status to this application.

Any request for reconsideration must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. Should petitioner desire reconsideration, he should supplement this petition by a declaration or statement giving the information as outlined above. Applicant should promptly submit a renewed petition to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231. The envelope should indicate that the correspondence be brought to the attention of Technology Center 3600.

Until the renewed petition is submitted, the application will be returned to the examiner's docket to await treatment on the merits in the normal order of examination.

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **DISMISSED**.



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